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Via Email to 59809-29072107@requests.muckrock.com
Sarika Ram

RE: Public Records Request

Dear Ms. Ram:

On October 22, 2018, the Houston Housing Authority (“HHA”) received your request pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act (the “Act”). Your request contained five (5) queries. On November 5, 2018, the HHA provided a response to queries 1 and 4, as well as part of query 3, and requested clarification on the remaining queries. On December 21, 2018, the HHA received your response clarifying queries 2, 3, and 5. Below is the HHA’s response to your clarified request¹.

Query 2: “Any reports compiling the data of applicants to public housing and Section 8 housing assistance from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.”

Clarification: You clarified that you were seeking the demographic information of new applicants to public housing and Section 8 housing assistance in the time period between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018.

Response: Please see responsive document attached to email.

Query 3: “Any reports compiling the data of public housing and Section 8 housing assistance denials and the basis of those denials between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017.”

Clarification: You clarified that you are interested in the basis for denials of new applicants to public housing and Section 8 housing assistance in the time period between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018.

Response: Please see responsive document attached to email.

Query 5: “Any grievances/complaints of discrimination submitted between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017 including any of the following words/phrases: -crime, -crimes, -criminal, -convict, -convicted, -sex offense,

¹ For purposes of calculating any deadlines, the HHA notes that its office closed early on December 24, 2018, and was closed on December 25, 2018, in honor of Christmas. The office was also closed on January 1, 2019, in honor of New Year’s Day.



-sex offender, -jail, -prison, -correctional facility, -probation, -parole, -conviction record, -arrest record.

Clarification: You clarified that you were interested in Tenant/Client grievances including the above words and phrases.

Response: HHA has determined that complying with this portion of your request will result in the imposition of a charge that exceeds \$40. Therefore, we are separately providing you with a cost estimate as required by Section 552.2615 of the Texas Government Code.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jennifer Watson', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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